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March 6, 2006

Ms. Selica Potter
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State Water Resources Control Board
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Re: Draft Order - In the Matter of the Petition of Water Replenishment District of Southern California, WaterReuse Association, and County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Review of Waste Discharge and Water Recycling Requirements for Alamitos Barrier Recycled Water Project, Order No. R4-2005-0061 of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board for the Los Angeles Region) - SWRCB/OCC File A-1719

Dear Ms. Potter:

The Water Replenishment District of Southern California (District) appreciates the opportunity to review and provide comments on this State Water Resources Control Board's draft order. We appreciate the State Water Board's decision to consider our petition, and more importantly, to issue this draft order which addresses several key issues regarding the use of recycled water in Waste Discharge and Water Recycling Requirements issued by local Regional Water Boards. As noted in your letter of February 7, 2006, this draft order will be placed on the agenda for the State Water Board meeting on March 22, 2006.

Water recycling plays an important role in helping meet increased demands on the state's overall water resources. Furthermore, as noted in the draft order, the use of recycled water is supported and encouraged in various statewide policies and statutes. The efforts to complete more recycled water projects and secure permits that are granted expeditiously with appropriate conditions are consistent with such policies and statutes.

We have reviewed this draft order. We have also reviewed comments submitted jointly by the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County and the WaterReuse Association and support their recommended change, which is as follows on Page 3, Paragraph 1:

"Chemicals for which notification levels are established may eventually be regulated by MCLs (after a formal regulatory process), depending on the extent of contamination in drinking water, the levels observed in drinking water, and the risk to human health."



With this additional clarification, the District supports the findings, conclusion, and deletions as noted in the draft order and recommends adoption of the proposed Order. We will also be providing brief oral comments to the State Water Board on March 22. If you have any questions, please contact me at (562) 407-1905 or hng@wrdd.org.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hoover Ng', written in a cursive style.

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